

stating that the Sudan emergency is to continue in effect beyond November 3, 2001, to the *Federal Register* for publication. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the *Federal Register* on November 2, 2000 (65 Fed. Reg. 66163).

The crisis between the United States and Sudan constituted by the actions and policies of the Government of Sudan, including continuing concern about its record on terrorism and the prevalence of human rights violations, including slavery, restrictions on religious freedom, and restrictions on political freedom, that led to the declaration of a national emergency on November 3, 1997, has not been resolved. These actions and policies are hostile to U.S. interests and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to Sudan and maintain in force the comprehensive sanctions against Sudan to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, October 31, 2001.

PERIODIC REPORT ON NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SUDAN—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 107-141)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report of the national emergency with respect to Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, based upon information made available to me.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, October 31, 2001.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CENTER FOR RUSSIAN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, pursuant to section 313(2)(a) of Public Law 106-554, and upon the recommendation of the minority leader, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the Center for Russian Leadership Development for a term of 3 years:

Mr. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, Jr., of Alabama.

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

URGING MEMBERS TO SUPPORT FUNDRAISERS AND WALK-ATHONS TO RAISE MONEY FOR AUTISM RESEARCH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, last night while most American children donned their costumes to celebrate Halloween, Bonnie and Willis Flick, the children pictured here, were able to go trick-or-treating only as a result of much preparation by their mother, Patience.

Bonnie and Willis are superheroes, not because they were dressed as wizards, but because of the efforts that they make each and every day in trying to fit into our world. It is difficult for Bonnie and Willis to make sense of our overwhelming and challenging environment because they have a neurological disease called autism.

Autism affects the development of the brain, especially in the areas of social interaction and communication skills. As a result, it is difficult for Bonnie and Willis to play with friends or to form relationships that most 11- and 13-year-olds have.

Autism affects one out of every 500 individuals, and it is a spectrum disorder, which means that it manifests itself in different ways.

For example, Bonnie can read and is able to go to a special school called the Learning Experience in Miami. She is a more high-functioning autistic child. But her brother, Willis, on the other hand, is mostly nonverbal. Talking for him is in small, almost guttural sounds that come as a result of hard work. Expressing emotions such as joy, anger, and frustration are extremely difficult for Willis.

However, Bonnie and Willis are a part of our world, not a world apart, as this tee shirt reads. This is a tee shirt that we will be wearing as part of the Flick family team this Saturday when we walk for more autism research.

Each day Bonnie and Willis continue to work hard to fit into our confusing world. They have been blessed with wonderful teachers who have a great deal of patience, and today Willis can

dress himself. He has learned to eat, and he has learned to eat with a fork for the first time. It may not seem like a big accomplishment for most of us, but for a child with autism, that is a monumental task.

For the first time, Bonnie allows her hair to be brushed and no longer involuntarily darts away from her caregivers.

Bonnie and Willis are fortunate and blessed children. They receive professional assistance and education to help optimize their potential and learning capabilities. But many autistic children are not as lucky. Many children do not have access to health care and to therapy that they so desperately need.

While the national rates of children being diagnosed with autism are increasing dramatically, there remains no known cure nor cause for autism. Mr. Speaker, we need to continue to raise research funding for autism to find treatments and preventions for this disability.

The National Alliance for Autism Research, NAAR, is an organization whose mission it is to fund, promote, and support biomedical research for autism spectrum disorder. To fulfill its commitment, every year throughout our Nation the organization hosts walk-a-thons to help raise vital research funds.

This Saturday, I, along with many others, will be participating in Walk Far for NAAR, which will be held in my congressional district at Crandon Park in Key Biscayne.

I congratulate the chairs of this year's walk, Robert and Patricia Cambo and Rain Vega, for their hard work in putting together this year's event. I also encourage my colleagues to remember the other Bonnie and Willises in their districts, and on their behalf to help promote awareness on autism so that each day we will be a step closer in banishing this debilitating disorder.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. MCKINNEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)